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SUBJ: NPG - MEETING OF TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP, MILITARY IMPLICA-
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SUMMARY: MILITARY IMPLICATIONS TEAM (MIT) MET ON DEC 17 AND 18 TO
CONSIDER US DRAFT INPUTS. AFTER DISCUSSION, MIT DECIDED TO
INTEGRATE US DRAFTS WITH THE MIT THIRD DRAFT TO FORM A
TWO VOLUME FINAL REPORT. THE NEXT MIT MEETING WILL BE IN ROME
ON MARCH 2, 1976 TO CONSIDER THE FIRST DRAFT OF THIS REPORT.
END SUMMARY.

1. SUBJECT MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE ON DEC 16. DUE
TO WEATHER DELAYS, MEETING BEGAN AT 1000 HOURS, DEC 17, AND
ADJOURNED LATE AFTERNOON OF DEC 18. FOLLOWING PARAS ARE
US DELS COMMENTS ON MEETING.

2. BACKGROUND: AT LAST MIT MEETING IN AUG, USDEL REJECTED
UK DRAFT REPORT AND OFFERED TO PROVIDE A SEPARATE DRAFT
INPUT FOR MIT
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CONSIDERATION. REJECTION WAS BASED UPON:
A. SECTION I OF UK DRAFT ESSENTIALLY LIMITED SCOPE OF
REPORT TO CONSIDERING CHANGES THAT NEW TECHNOLOGY MIGHT MAKE TO

PHASE I/PHASE II FOLLOW-ON USE STUDY RESULTS INSTEAD OF CONSIDERING IMPLICATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY AREAS ACROSS BROAD SPECTRUM OF "COMPLEX PROBLEMS SURROUNDING TACTICAL NUCLEAR WARFARE" AS REQUESTED BY NPG.

B. SECTIONS II AND III FOCUSED ON MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY AND MUNITIONS EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSES INSTEAD OF THE TECHNOLOGIES/ ANALYSES COVERING THE ENTIRE TARGET ENGAGEMENT PROCESS, FROM TARGET DETECTION THROUGH TARGET KILL.

C. FOLLOWING SOMEWHAT PHILOSOPHICAL, GENERAL, AND PESSIMISTIC DISCUSSION OF TECHNOLOGY COSTS AND WP ACQUISITION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN SECTION IV, SECTION V REACHED THE ONE BASIC CONCLUSION THAT THE NEW TECHNOLOGY WOULD NOT COMPENSATE FOR THE INADEQUACIES OF CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITIES AND HENCE WOULD NOT ALTER THE RESULTS OF PHASE I AND PHASE II STUDIES.

3. MEETING SUMMARY: IN CORDIAL MEETING WITH CONSIDERABLE MORE SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE THAN PREVIOUS MIT MEETINGS, MAJOR PORTION OF TIME WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSING US BASIC DRAFT INPUT PROVIDED IN NOVEMBER AND US SUMMARY DRAFT INPUT OF MILITARY IMPLICATIONS TABLED ON DEC 17. BOTH US DOCUMENTS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND, AS A RESULT, LED MIT TO CONCLUSION THAT FINAL REPORT SHOULD CONSIST OF TWO VOLUMES: VOLUME I, A CONCISE SUMMARY, AND VOLUME II, A DETAILED FACT BOOK OF THE NEW TARGET ENGAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES AND ANALYSES. FACED WITH THREE DOCUMENTS ON THE TABLE (UK THIRD DRAFT, US COUNTER DRAFT, AND US DRAFT SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS), THE CHAIRMAN, AND THE MIT, APPROVED THE FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION:

A. UK WILL PRODUCE AND CIRCULATE FIRST DRAFT OF VOLUME I (SUMMARY). VOLUME I WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION I - BACKGROUND HISTORY LEADING TO REQUIREMENT FOR MIT REPORT, TOUCHING ON ALL HISTORY AND NOT EXCLUSIVELY PHASE I AND PHASE II STUDIES.

SECTION II - SUMMARY OF TARGET ENGAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES, DRAWING FROM US VOLUME II, WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

SECTION III - SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF TARGET ENGAGEMENT
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ANALYSES, DRAWING FROM VOLUME II.

SECTION IV - DISCUSSION OF IMPLICATIONS, DRAWING FROM SECTION IV OF UK 3RD DRAFT AND FROM US IMPLICATIONS REPORT TABLED AT MEETING. CHAIRMAN HAS INDICATED THAT A "MORE BALANCED" VIEW OF COSTS, COUNTERMEASURES, AND WP ACQUISITION WILL BE INCLUDED.

SECTION V - MAJOR IMPLICATIONS AND KEY POINTS OF IMPORTANCE. ORIGINAL THIRD MIT DRAFT CONCLUSION THAT "CONVENTIONAL INADEQUACIES CANNOT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR BY NUCLEAR" WILL BE ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS, INSTEAD OF SOLE CONCLUSION.

B. US, AFTER RECEIPT OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS, WILL REFINE US NOVEMBER INPUT FOR VOLUME II. UK, FRG, AND BELGIAN DELEGATIONS HAVE, AT US REQUEST, AGREED TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC INPUTS ON LLTV RESEARCH, UPD-6 SAR/MTI/REAL

TIME DATA LINK, AND EPERVERIE RPV RESPECTIVELY, IN ORDER TO ENLARGE SPECTRUM OF NEW DEVELOPMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES CONTAINED IN VOLUME II. OTHER DELEGATIONS PROMISED TO EXAMINE THEIR OWN TARGET ENGAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PROVIDE APPRO-

PRIATE INPUTS. THIS WILL ASSIST IN REMOVING THE "US ONLY" FLAVOR OF THE CURRENT DRAFT.

4. DURING DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING ABOVE ACTIONS, US DELEGATION REITERATED PREVIOUS OBJECTIONS TO UK 3RD DRAFT AND EMPHASIZED NEED FOR FOLLOWING THE ABOVE OUTLINE TO ACHIEVE A "BALANCED" VOLUME I DRAFT. WHILE US DEL IS NOW CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC OF OUTCOME, REVIEW OF UK FIRST DRAFT OF VOLUME I, PROMISED BY END OF JANUARY, WILL TELL THE STORY.

5. OBSERVATIONS: OTHER DELEGATIONS, WHILE ENTERING INTO CONSIDERABLE DIALOGUE AT THE MEETING, CONTINUE TO BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT NEW TECHNOLOGY, WHICH WE PERCEIVE AS A CONTINUOUS CONCERN THAT US IS PUSHING NEW SYSTEMS IN NATO. WHILE PREVIOUS MEETINGS INDICATED THIS CAUTION STEMMED PRIMARILY FROM UK CHAIRMAN, WE NOW SEE IT AS A BROAD ALLIANCE CONCERN. ON THE OTHER HAND, AS EVIDENCED BY THE INCREASED PARTICIPATION AND INTEREST OF MOST DELEGATIONS, THE MIT IS EXPANDING NATO'S LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING NEW TECHNOLOGY, WHICH US DELEGATION CONSIDERS TO BE AN IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE IN ITS OVERALL MISSION.

6. IN A RELATED MANNER, US DELEGATION LEADER RECOMMENDED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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MIT CHAIRMAN SUBMIT, UNDER COVER LETTER WITH APPROPRIATE

CAVEATS, THE UK 3RD DRAFT TOGETHER WITH THE TWO US DRAFTS TO THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS TEAM (PIT) FOR BACKGROUND, AND OFFERED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF US INPUT TO PERMIT THIS ACTION. FOLLOWING SOME HESITATION AND CONSULTATION, MIT CHAIRMAN GRACEFULLY REJECTED THIS SUGGESTION, BUT THE ACCUSATION (AUGUST MEETING) THAT US WAS IMPEDING PIT PROGRESS SHOULD NOW BE REMOVED.

7. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT MIT CONCLUDED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, US DEL LEADER EXTENDED INVITATION TO OTHER DELEGATIONS TO MEET WITH US DELEGATION ON FRIDAY, DEC 19, TO FURTHER DISCUSS US INPUTS AND TO ASK APPROPRIATE CLARIFYING QUESTIONS. ITALIAN AND NETHERLANDS DELEGATIONS RESPONDED, AND MEANINGFUL EXCHANGES, IN SEPARATE MEETINGS, RESULTED ON FRIDAY.

8. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MIT IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 2-4 MARCH IN ROME. MIT CHAIRMAN STATED THAT AT LEAST ONE SUBSEQUENT MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF REPORT AT JUNE MINISTERIAL. US DEL FORESEES POSSIBILITY THAT ROME MEETING COULD RESULT IN A UK ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE AN AGREED VOLUME I. BRUCE

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